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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 8.3% IN MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16, 1990--Airline passenger traffic rose 8.3 percent in March, and was up 8.2 percent for the first three months of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic increased 5.2 percent in March, compared with the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 9.7 percent. Passenger load factor was 62.3 percent, down from 65.0 percent for March, 1989. Domestic passenger enplanements increased 5.0 percent to 35.6 million.

In international service, traffic in March climbed 20.0 percent, and the available seat miles rose 14.0 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 14.9 percent to 3.2 million, and the load factor amounted to 68.6 percent compared with 65.1 percent last year.

For the first three months of 1990, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 8.2 percent to 101.2 billion. The number of passengers increased 5.4 percent to 104.0 million. The available seat miles were up 6.7 percent, and the load factor amounted to 60.1 percent versus 59.3 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MARCH 1990 - 1989

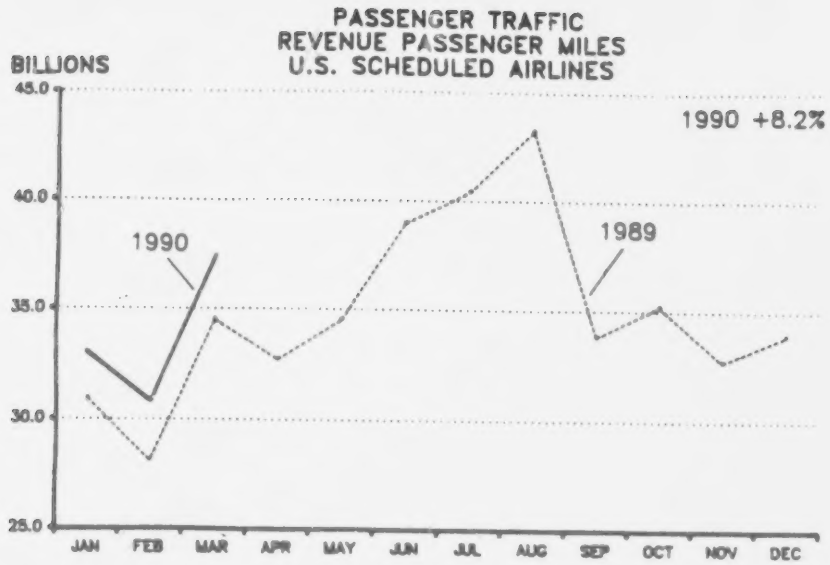
	MARCH			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,849	35,555	5.0	90,657	94,967	4.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	27,119,497	28,518,003	5.2	73,108,918	76,747,459	5.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,714,611	45,753,457	9.7	124,447,081	130,729,008	5.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	65.0	62.3		58.7	58.7	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,824	3,245	14.9	7,983	9,007	12.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,415,898	8,898,886	20.0	20,423,621	24,434,837	19.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	11,384,341	12,974,436	14.0	33,170,888	37,524,079	13.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	65.1	68.6		61.6	65.1	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	36,673	38,800	5.8	98,640	103,974	5.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	34,535,395	37,416,889	8.3	93,532,539	101,182,296	8.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	53,098,952	58,727,893	10.6	157,617,969	168,253,087	6.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	65.0	63.7		59.3	60.1	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	30,867,681	55,013,022	56.1	31,797
February	28,129,463	49,505,995	56.8	30,170
March	34,535,395	53,098,952	65.0	36,673
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	419,438,235	661,717,089	63.4	428,633
Jan - Mar 1989	93,532,539	157,617,969	59.3	98,640
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
TOTAL 1990	101,182,296	168,253,087	60.1	103,974

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
March	8.3	10.6	5.8
Jan - March	8.2	6.7	5.4


PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
BILLIONS
45.0
40.0
35.0
30.0
25.0
1990 +8.2%
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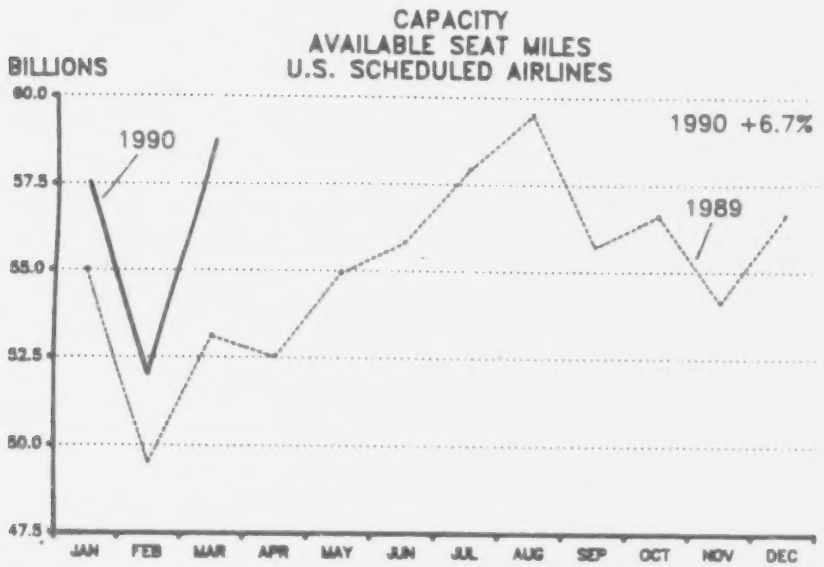
CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
BILLIONS
60.0
57.5
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1990 +6.7%
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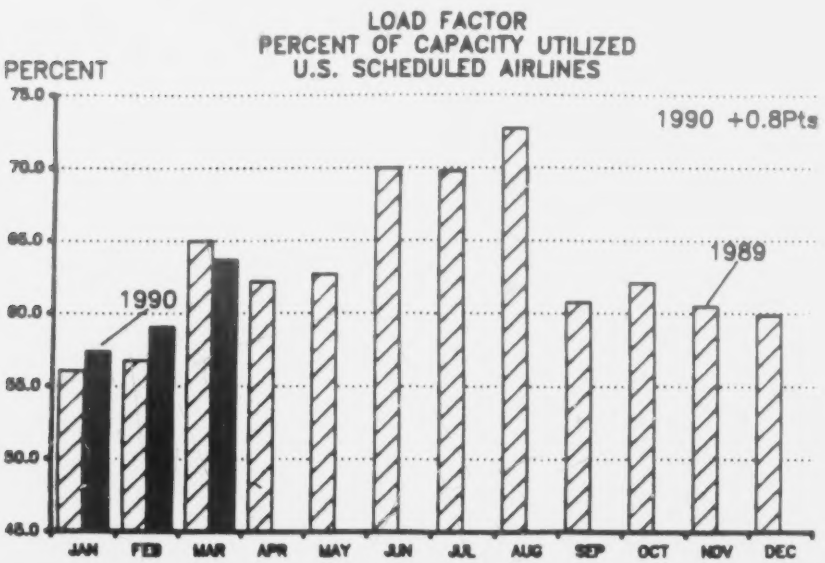
LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
PERCENT
75.0
70.0
65.0
60.0
55.0
50.0
45.0
1990 +0.8Pts
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